CHICAGO COIN CLUB Chatter

MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.

Vol. 25 No. 1 | 648th MEETING | JANUARY 10, 1973

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648th MEETING WISHING WELL RESTAURANT 3836 ELSTON AVENUE 8:00 p.m.

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

The annual Christmas party-meeting brought out a few seldom seen members but swelled attendance to only 40. *** We were saddened to learn that Arthur Rutz, member 305, died a few days before the meeting.

Art had not attended our meetings recently but the older members remember him well. He lived in Gary and still met with the Calumet Numismatic Club, of which he was a charter member. He was A.N.A. LM 197 (joined in 1937 as regular member 6014) and belonged to many local clubs in this area. There were no closely related survivors of this quiet and unassuming life-long bachelor.

Several members reported on the auction of crowns of Europe held by Jess Peters on December 6-7th. A number of buyers were there from foreign countries and the bidding was lively, a number of record prices being paid for good coins. ***Exhibits were presented by Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, William Holm, William Pettit, Dave Schecter, Frieda Schnell and Glenn Smedley. ***The nominating committee, Harry Boosel, chairman, made its report as stated in the December CHATTER. There being no other nominations, the following officers for 1973 were elected by acclamation: William Pettit, president; Charles Ryant, Jr., first vice president; Arthur C. Allen, second vice president; and governors Alan R. Feinberg, Lee F. Hewitt, Louis Nagy and (automatic) James R. Budd. *** The donated auction, including much very desirable material, brought active bidding and netted $203.10 for our debilitated treasury. No small credit for the auction's success belongs to Mr. Martin, Frieda Schnell's guest, who bid generously. *** The meeting closed with a grab bag exchange of Christmas gifts and refreshments of coffee, cookies and generous helpings of good fellowship.

JANUARY DINNER MEETING

On the regular January meeting evening, the 10th, members and their guests will gather at the Wishing Well Restaurant, 3836 Elston Ave., for a roast beef dinner. The time will be 8:00 p.m. and the price of the dinner $5.00. Those who attended the meeting Lee Hewitt gave at this location a year ago will recall the good meal and enjoyable evening we had. We must let the restaurant know in advance how many meals to prepare so you MUST advise Marge Baker no later than January 5 (Friday) if you will attend. Phone her on 629-7575 or write her at the address in the CHATTER heading. Mail delivery is erratic at this time of the year, so telephoning (during business hours) is advised. Pick up your tickets at the meeting but do make RESERVATIONS by Friday the 5th. Annual awards will be made and the new officers installed.

CHATTERINGS

Soon to be observed birthdays are those of Cliff Lindall, 21st; Elston Bradfield, 28th; Tillie Boosel and Phyllis Pettit, Feb. 2; Evelyn Hausske, Feb. 4.

Keeping the population balance, the Harold Kleins left their warm Clearwater climate to spend the Holidays in cold Chicagoland while Jim Budd spent his in sunny (we hope) Florida.

The current issue of TNA NEWS has an article on "The 25 Most Popular World Crowns," by W. B. Slate. It considers popularity only, not beauty or rarity or value, nor does it include the recently issued pieces whose legal tender status is questionable. Of the 210 coins nominated by respondents to the author's questionnaire, the following ten head the list, in order of popularity: 5 pesos of Mexico, 1950 (railroad); Great Britain crown, 1847 (gothic); 5 marks of German New Guinea, 1894-(bird of paradise); Austrian thaler, 1780 (Maria Theresa); 2 vereinsthaler of Austria, 1857 (railroad); 5 pesos of Mexico, 1947-48 (Cuauhtemoc); 50 francs of Belgian Congo, 1944 (elephant); Mexican 2 pesos, 1921 (winged victory); German 5 marks, 1930 (Graf Zeppelin); and peso of Mexico, 1910-14 (Caballito).

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Vol. 25 No. 3 | 650th MEETING | MARCH 14, 1973

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650th MEETING | OXFORD ROOM | 1st FLOOR SOUTH | PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

The February 14 meeting was unusual, as most of the time was devoted to committee organization to compliment the new slate of officers. President Pettit listed the committees that needed staffing and stated that each officer and member of the Board would be a committee chairman. He asked each their preference and then asked for volunteers for each committee from the rest of the membership. The following is the results:

Program:	Dr. Alan Feinberg, Chairman
	Dave Schecter
Membership:	Louis Nagy, Chairman
	Leah Klein
Hospitality:	Jim Budd, Chairman
	J. Thomas Nolan
Publicity	Lee Hewitt, Chairman
	Al Ivanscits
Medals:	Charles Ryant, Jr., Chairman
	Frieda Schnell
	Jim Grebinger
	Chet Poderski
Exhibits:	Art Allen, Chairman
	Al Birkholz
	Gerda Birkholz
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President Pettit would like every member to get involved in Club activities. Any member who wishes to serve on any of these committees contact the appropriate chairman or the President.

Exhibits were presented by Gerda Birkholz, Dave Schecter, Charles Ryant, Art Allen, and Harry and Tillie Boosel. *** Awards which did not arrive in time for the January meeting were presented. The Cabeen awards were silver, Gerda Birkholz and Bronze, Harry Boosel. Speakers plaques were presented to Bill Pettit, Jim Budd, Glenn Smedley, Harry Boosel, Dr. Sol Needleman, Art Blase, Louis Koncza and Dr. John Davenport.

NOTICE

Membership notices have been mailed to delinquent members and those who do not pay will be dropped soon. Concerning the discussion of dues increase at the February meeting, our secretary informs me that the cost of the CHATTER per member is in excess of $3. The breakdown of our current membership is 103 regular, 53 non-resident and 19 associates.

PERSONAL

As our regular editor is still in Colorado Springs doing the ANA's business, we do not have the record of birthdays available for this issue of the CHATTER. *** Recent issues of the CHATTER addressed to member William H. Brown have been returned marked deceased. If any member has any information concerning Mr. Brown we would appreciate details. *** On a happier note, we have word from Wisconsin that member Howard B. Eisenberg was appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court as Public Defender. Howard had been Acting State Public Defender since the resignation of the former PD on October 31, 1972. Prior to joining the Public Defender's office in July, 1972, Howard had served one year as a law clerk to Justice Horace W. Wilkie of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Eisenberg was an honor graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1971.

While he attended law school he received numerous awards for appellate advocacy in nationwide moot court competition. He was also on the staff of Wisconsin Judicare. Congratulations Howard, we are proud to have you as a member.

For those of you who were present for the last meeting that we had a coin quiz for a program, we have scheduled another for the March meeting. Everyone had fun at the last quiz so come out and join in.

Member Dave Schecter feels that our members would like to have more than meeting news in the Chatter and has submitted the following. We welcome contributions and will try to print them.

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Vol. 25 No. 4 | 651st. MEETING | April 11, 1973
OXFORD ROOM | 1st. FLOOR SOUTH | PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

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Your CHATTER editor is busy at A.N.A. headquarters and Jim Budd has gone to Texas for a few days so your secretary is writing you this letter in place of your usual CHATTER.

We are having some very interesting meetings. The members participation has been most gratifying and we all leave with the feeling we have learned something new. A quiz by Pres. Pettit based on information from the Redbook caused some of us to go home and do a bit of reviewing. Things we all know sometimes escape us when it is time for a quick recall and everyone had a few misses. Some questions were simple-- for instance, what is the most expensive St. Gaudens gold coin? With what coin do you associate the phrase Pass & Stow? Which coin is heavier, the standard or the trade dollar? Why? What U.S. coin would satisfy the topless craze of today? On the three-leg Buffalo, which leg is missing? Name three ships on U.S. coims. Which regular issue has the American flag on it? What is the composition of the Feutwanger cent? How many could you have answered quickly?

Seven of the 25 members present brought exhibits. Our thanks went to Greg Gaskill, Art Allen, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Dr. Feinberg, L. Klein and Dave Schecter. There was an abundance of fine numismatic books. Of special interest was a book used to teach the blind to recognize coins. It was a Twin Vision book titled "The Shape of Things- Coins" by Jean Scott Neel. It was in English and Braille. Thanks to L. Klein for bringing it to show us.

Several members have expressed concern about the coming A.N.A. election and are unanimous in their hopes that the Chicago Coin Club will support the election of Virginia Culver for A.N.A. president. As one member stated, "She is a woman of unquestioned ability and integrity. She has devoted many long hours of service to numismatics and fully deserves the office of president."

Glenn Smedley would appreciate a nomination for re-election to the A.N.A. Board of Governors by the C.C.C. We all know he has served the A.N.A. well and is deserving of the nomination. If any other members are wanting the club nomination they should let us know by meeting time since the nominations must reach A.N.A. headquarters no later than April 15th.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU. If you haven't been down to a meeting of the CCC for a long time, April 11th. is a good time to pry yourself out of the house and renew old acquaintances... there is always something afoot that will interest you. Those of you that recall Dr. Saul Needleman's fine program last April on ancient history as revealed by coins illustrated with slides of Judean coins will not want to miss his program "Introduction to U.S.

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Colonial Currency". Dr. Needleman is well versed in numismatics. He is president of the Israel Numismatists of Illinois and secretary of the Morton Grove club. He is on the faculty of North Western University and Roosevelt University in Bio-chemistry. We are pleased to have him present this program.

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating them in April. Sam Carlson will be 75 years young on the 22nd. Others we know are Minnie Marshfield on the 3rd., Dr. Feinberg 7th., Dave Schecter 8th., Jacob Hoogeveen 11th., and Neil Shafer 24th.

What is the history of the CCC? When was it founded? Who were its members? Bits of our history are included in the CHATTER from time to time. The best information on our history, however, comes from some of our long time members as listed alphabetically below. They are Chicago area members unless another location is mentioned. Our earliest living member, Mrs. Nellie Josephson, joined in 1919. She resides in a nursing home in Michigan. Next in seniority with more than 45 years membership, are Eric Blomquist and Vernon Sheldon (Florida). With the club 35 years or more are Earl Barger (Wisconsin), M.H. Bolender (California), Sam Carlson, Lee Hewitt, Mike Powells, Lief Ronning (Montana), Harry Boosel, Paul Brumm (Arkansas), Ben Drieske (Florida), Pearl Kopicki, Cliff Lindall (Indiana), Bruno Marek, Tom Shugrue, Paul Pennington, Walter White, and Ruth Green (California). 30 year members include Aubrey Bebee (Nebraska), Fred Catalano, James Doak, Thomas Donnelly, Albert Frendahl, George Howe, Gus Lind (Arkansas), Mabel Lindall (Indiana), Joe Merkel, Charles Ryant, Wm. A. Schneider (Michigan), and Richard Yeoman (Wisconsin). More about long-time members in upcoming issues.

It is the policy of CCC not to publish addresses for security reasons. However, if you would like to drop a note to any of these people to renew old friendships, ask some questions, or whatever reason, just prepare your letter for mailing and put it in an envelope with their name, put that in an envelope addressed to me and I will complete the address and send it on.

DON'T FORGET! We plan to see <u>YOU</u> at the meeting- April 11th., 8:00 p.m.

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Vol. 25 No. 5 | 652nd MEETING | MAY 9, 1973

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652nd MEETING | OXFORD ROOM | 1st FLOOR SOUTH | PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

APRIL MEETING NOTES

The 26 in ottendance at the April 11 meeting were treoted to o very interesting one. Bill Pettit ond Dove Schecter reported on the results of their experiences ot the recent Jess Peters foreign coin ouction. Most of the coins were sold on the floor to deolers ond it wos their feeling thot most of the desiroble coins were going out of the country.

The trend to substontiol increoses continued ot thot sole. *** The Club voted to nominate Virginio Culver os condidote for President ond Glenn Smedley os candidate for Governor of A.N.A. We hope thot A.N.A. members will exercise their privilege in voting in the coming election. *** We were ogoin soddened to heor thot Mike Powills wos the victim of onother robbery, April 7th.

This time he lost o collection of Porthion ond Sassinion coins os well os modern proof sets ond other coins. It is time to remind members thot o sofety deposit box is the lowest cost protection ony collector con hove. *** Exhibitors were: Gerdo Birkholz, showing Germon Crown sized coins which hod on eogle on the reverse.

Dove Schecter presented on interesting group of Sponish coins which showed the results of inflotion during the period of 1602 to 1652; o book published in 1846 showing illustrotions of coins in the new testoment ond one printed in 1829 os o Commerciol Dictionery were the contributions of Allen Feinberg.

Stewort Koppel spoke on the problems of counterfeit coins ond hod on exomple of a Clork Gruber 1860 twenty dollor piece.

Four medols liberoted during World Wor II wos the contribution of Horry Boosel.

Marty Greene showed o German numismatic mogozine in its initial issue ond olso continued the counterfeit discussion with his tole of purchosing on 1893 eight reole of Mexico ond his problems of determining whether it wos genuine.

The stories which went with the exhibits were foscinoting. *** Dr. Saul Needlemon on the stoff of Roosevelt ond Northwestern Universities, returned to the Club to lspeak on Americon Coloniol Money. He traced the development of poper currency from the report by Marco Polo on the 11th century poper of Chino to the 1661 Bonk of Stockholm deposit receipts for the Swedish plote money.

The next experiment was the 1685 necessity ploying cord money of French Conodo. He covered the poper money experiment in the American Colonies. The 1690 Mossachusetts issue is considered by experts to be the first poper issue bocked by o governmental authority intended for general circulotion.

OF OUR MEMBERS

With our regulor editor still in Colorodo Springs, our record of Birthdoys is unovilable.

Continuing last month's mention of some of our long time members, we include Horold Klein, Wilton Dudley and Clorence Frose with 35 or more yeors membership. Albert Frendahl ond Edgor Lister ore in the 30 to 35 yeor cotegory.

Members who joined in 1948 through 1953 ore: Sidney Bick, Jeon Brodfield, Tillie Boosel, Adm. O. H. Dodson, Michael Dolnick, Williom Field, Dr. Emmonuel Frozin, Poul Ginther, Irv Horris, Jomes T. Horris, August Housske, Williom Higgenbothom, Williom Hoppe, Mogdolena Jonos, Art Kagin, Stonley Kruswicki, Phil More, Walter Nemecek, John Ross, Matt Rothert, Rolph Goldstone, Martin Vink ond Clarence Wills.

Mony of these members hove moved from the Chicogo oreo but we still hear from them occasionolly and enjoy their compony when they are able to ottend o meeting. We are hoppy they still keep up their membership in our club. *** We did hove some response from our offer to forword o letter to one of your old time friends ond will repeot it.

If you would like to drop o note to one of our members, prepore it for moiling except for the oddress ond moil it to our Secretory. She will be hoppy to complete the oddress ond drop it in the mail. Some of our members write to tell how they enjoy getting the Chotter ond o card or note would reolly spread a bit of sunshine when the mailman orrives.

MAY MEETING

Dove Schecter will be our speoker ot the May meeting, tolking obout "Interesting Byways of Numismatics". For those who hove heard Dave tell obout the coins he hos exhibited ot our meetings, I'm sure they would not want to miss this meeting. Since the CSNS Convention is the preceeding weekend, there should olso be some interesting toles of it.

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Vol. 25 No.6 | 653rd. MEETING | June 13, 1973

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8 p.m. Belmont Room, 2nd. floor south PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

We were pleasantly surprised by the visit of Clyde Grimm, member #437 from down Texas way. Mr. Grimm joined the club July, 1944 when he lived in Oak Park. We are always so happy to have our non-resident members take time out to come and visit--- and it has been great seeing some of our seldom seen local members in attendance. Why don't YOU make the next one?

The application of Everett Cree was read for the first time. Mr. Cree is a Chicagoan and was sponsored by Peter Spadoni.

Folks who attended the C.S.N.S. convention agreed they enjoyed it and I think most of us found something to add to our collection. I found some Chicago Numismatic tokens and duplicate Chicago Numismatic Society 100th. meeting medals. I bought the extra medals because I think they really belong in the Chicago area since this was the first numismatic organization in the city. Although it had no official connection with Chicago Coin Club, some of the Club's founding members were active in the group which provided experienced leadership for the Club. I will bring the medals to the next meeting.

Those of you who missed Dave Schecter's talk, "Interesting Byways of Numismatics," should feel dissapointed because he had some interesting pointers on things to look for when you are looking for new interest in collecting. I read once where "Numismisery is what you got when a coin you aint got can;t be got." Dave's talk could have been called "A Sure Cure for Numismisery." He showed coins that could be purchased for a small sum and had interesting stories to tell about each one. Yes Dave... you did your homework real well and the obvious pleasure you showed as you told us about each piece proved what our true numismatic friends keep telling us... it is not the value of a particular item... rather, it is the fun you have researching and all the interesting facts you learn from them.

Leah Klein brought a book and some mint mini-bags of cents and Art Allen had some nice animal coins on display.

Don't forget... June 13th. is the date... you'll certainly want to be on hand to hear Dr. Feinberg's talk on "World's Most Popular Crowns-- What They Have Done." We have been hearing some fantastic reports on world coins recently and it will be interesting to hear what Dr. Feinberg has to tell us.

May 15th. was tax filing time for non-profit organizations and a copy of the report is enclosed for you to study. We will have some facts and figures at the next meeting-- a breakdown on medals purchased, etc. and answer any of the questions you may have.

We have dropped quite a few members for non-payment of dues after they had received two mailed notices. We will continue the names of active members in the next CHATTER and have some ideas for summer meetings we think you will enjoy.

We hope to see YOU next Wednesday... Please come... bring a friend... something to show us... some news to share.

Marjorie Baker

CHICAGO COIN CLUB Chatter

Vol. 25 No. 7 654th MEETING July 11, 1973
8:00 P.M. in the Belmont Room, 2nd. floor south Pick Congress Hotel

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June Meeting Notes

Charles Ryant presided at the June meeting while our president Bill Pettit and his wife were attending the C.O.I.N. convention in Los Angeles. Jess Peters was the auctioneer at this show so we can be sure there was plenty of action and that Bill will have some interesting news to report.

The application of Everett Cree was accepted and we welcome him to membership. Mr. Cree is from Chicago and we hope he will attend meetings.

It is time to vote for A.N.A. officers so there was discussion on the candidates. I have received several requests to urge every A.N.A. member to vote for Virginia Culver in the current elections of officers and our own Glenn Smedley. I sincerely hope you will give them your support.

We can always count on Art Allen to liven up a meeting with some interesting comments and coins to exhibit. He got caught short last month with nothing to exhibit. Who but Art would feel that not to make an effort would be "chicken?" So off he went in search of "chicken" coins. Believe it or not-- he found three! One each from Madagascar, Mali and Ireland.

Next up was Gerda Birkholz with a map and souvenirs from the Sunken Treasures at Cape Canaveral where she and Al visited recently.

Harry Boosel showed us the lovely 14 Kt gold Jewish Star of David pendant and chain he purchasedfor Tillie. Guess which year this emblem was adopted?-- 1873 naturally.

Dave Schecter brought two pieces of encased postage and a gum wrapper from gum used to make small change for purchasers in Italy. He told us he brought this "unofficial legal tender" to demonstrate what happens when the intrinsic value of coins is greater than the face value.

Charles Ryant exhibited his 1973 proof and mint sets. Save them Charles-- they may be better than you think! --- Through April 1973, a total of 3,370,000 cupro nickel dollars were struck and the total of proof sets minted was 280,325. The total cupro nickel dollars struck were for the mint packed uncirculated sets. This means ½ or 1,685,000 each would be Denver and the rest Philadelphia mint. A letter from Frank H. MacDonald, mint deputy director, informed Coin World that there are 80 million Eisenhower cupro nickel dollars, mostly 1972's stockpiled by Federal Reserve Banks and the U. S. mint. "As long as sufficient supplies of 1972 dated dollars are adequate to fill commercial bank requests the mint will postpone production of 1973 dollars for circulation until the banks request additional coins" he wrote.

Incidentally, it is most interesting to compare the '74 Redbook

with the 1973 edition. Many great changes have been made.
Our thanks to Dr. Alan Feinberg for showing us the slides and telling us what has happened to many of the World's most popular coins.

According to Dr. Feinberg, the program for the July 11th. meeting will be a talk on "Sunken and Buried Treasure" by Robert Leonard. Bob is president of the Morton Grove Coin Club and a director of Illinois Numismatic Assn. He will show examples of recovered numismatic and other treasures.
OK all you members of CCC-- the weather is no excuse-- lets all show up and show Mr. Leonard we appreciate his efforts in coming to give us a fine program-- we appreciate the extra effort our president and other members are making to make this club tick. The club needs more than your dues to keep healthy. It needs YOU. A short time back I began to wonder if I was doing all I could and and I had to admit the answer was no. Somehow in our busy schedules we sort of neglect our club activitiesbut I think we owe it to ourselves to keep up with what is happening with our hobby--. We need to keep in touch with all the great friends we have made.
The Chicago Coin Club is a very old club and a number of well known names in the numismatic field have graced its roster. Its noble character of affairs it is supposedly conducting is "Study and research in numismatics, promote educational activities incident to the collecting of coins, medals, paper money, ect., publish numismatic literature, maintain a numismatic library, and, through fraternalism in regular meetings, disseminate numismatic knowledge." Lets all give this some thought and discussion. The old days were a lot of fun and there is no good reason the future can't be if we care enough to make it so.
Mother always told me the way to have a friend was to be a friend-- the way to have a good time wherever I go is to take a good time with me- and I will add this-- the way to have a good club is be more than a check and a name on the roster-- attend meetings whenever possible and join in the activities.

The Harold Kleins of Clearwater, Fla. visited their two daughters, their families and friends in the area late in June but plan to return to sunny Florida after the Fourth of July holiday.
Phil More sent a copy of the publication Appliance which announces that he has been named one of a panel of seven to aid it in presenting articles and comments on purchasing in the appliance field. Phil is Director of Purchasing for Modern Maid, MaGraw-Edison Co. in Chatanooga. Congratulations to our long time member and past president, 1965-66.
Phil also advised us that his son William was married to Holly Chepko in Peoria, May 12th. May they have much "More" happiness!
Birthday Greetings:(Belated to Chester Poderski, July 4th; Paul Gallagher, 6th); Aubrey Bebee 9th.; Dennis Forgue, 10th; Ralph Goldstone and Glen Smedley, 13th.; Phil Budd, 15th.; Wm. Edward Fritz, 24th.; Harry Glassenberg, 25th and Kurt Eckstein the 27th. Also best wishes to any of our members I may have missed.
I am happy to report Glenn Smedley will be at the meeting and for awhile at least and you will have your capable editor back to publish the Chatter. Thanks for bearing with your secretary's efforts-- she'll never get an A for typing but she is sincere-- . The quality of the Chatter printing is not the same but at least we have saved close to $50.00 on the three issues. WELCOME BACK GLENN!!

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655th MEETING — BELMONT ROOM - 2nd FLOOR SOUTH — PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

JULY MEETING NOTES

We had a really interesting meeting on July 11, due in no small measure to guest speaker Robert Leonard's talk on "Sunken and Buried Treasure". As you'd imagine, he concentrated on numismatic treasure that has been recovered or is still to be located. Much of this material is in the form of Spanish gold and silver coins that went down with ships while being sent from the "New World" to Spain.

Bob had numerous examples of such coins for us to inspect. He is a very active and well informed numismatist, presently president of the Morton Grove Coin Club and a director of Illinois Numismatic Assn.

Thank you, Bob, for a fine presentation. *** President Pettit reported a few highlights of the mid-June C.O.I.N. convention in Los Angeles. As has happened at other recent auctions, scarce and rare foreign coins brought incredible prices at the Jess Peters auction.

Many coins went to bidders from foreign countries. A single daler of Norway topped the sale at $12,000; but about 100 others went over the five-figure mark. *** Attendance was v.g. to fine, including some members not regularly present that we hope to see again soon and often.

Exhibits of interest were by Arthur Allen, Gerda Birkholz, Gary Krug, David Schecter and Glenn Smedley.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Thinking of our July guest speaker, Robert Leonard, reminds me to remind you that the 1973 annual meeting of Illinois Numismatic Assn. is scheduled for October 26-28 at the Sheraton Motor Inn in downtown Joliet. If it is on a par with the 1972 convention in Decatur, it will be well worth attending. Contact Bill Miller, P. O. Box 177, Joliet, Il. 60434 for further details on bourse, exhibits, etc.

Chicago Coin Club members offer condolences to Dr. Alan Feinberg on the death of his father who passed away recently while on a trip to England.

Members having August birthdays, of which we know, are Marion Yeoman and Paul Kaplan, 8th; R. S. Yeoman and William Ross, 15th; Ronald Lovesky, 16th; Harry X Boosel, 17th; and Don Doswell, 26th. Some membership applications do not show birthdays so don't feel that you are being ignored if yours isn't listed.

Past President (and A.N.A. Editor) Elston G. Bradfield is in the West Side V.A. Hospital but expects to be home soon. How about sending a card, just to let him know you remember him, to 3079 N. Greenwood Ave., Highland Park, Ill. 60035.

Ten years ago the CHATTER credited M. Vernon Sheldon with getting the 1966 A.N.A. convention assigned to Chicago. It was the diamond anniversary of A.N.A., which held its very first convention in Chicago on October 7, 1891. Five or six members attended but, with proxies, they had 31 votes.

This year, 82 years later, the attendance (including nonmembers) at Boston, August 23-27, should exceed 11,000.

At current silver market prices, pre-1965 silver coins are worth just over twice their face value in bullion.

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MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.

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657th MEETING BELMONT ROOM - 2nd FLOOR SOUTH PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

This was a most interesting meeting due to the extremely active participation of practically all the members present, as well as the high caliber of the exhibits and the program. I can never remember any other time when more people got up on the floor and made themselves and their ideas heard. It was most gratifying.

The committee for the annual banquet was appointed. Charlie Ryant is the Chairman, Lee Hewitt, Leah Klein, Mrs. Nagy and Tom Nolan are his associates. With this group we are sure of an exceptional dinner meeting and program in January.

The Chicago Coin Club was exceedingly well represented at the ANA meeting in Boston. Reports of their impressions were given by all that attended. Unfortunately, they were not all positive, but that is the way the ball bounces.

In case you are not aware of it, our own Cliff Lindall ties with only two others in having attended more consecutive ANA meetings than anyone else. Cliff started going in 1937. Quite a record there Cliff, and may you keep going for many more years to come. I guess the numismatic Hank Aarons is going to have some record to shoot for.

Just in case you missed it, there is a new name on the masthead, listed as CHATTER editor. Glenn Smedley, who has done such a beautiful job as Editor for so many years, has resigned due to urgent pressure of other commitments at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs. We are very sorry to see Glenn give up this job which he has done so well, but understand fully, and appreciate his honesty in giving up a job to which he no longer feels he can give the effort the job requires.

A million thanks, Glenn for the wonderful job you have done.

All of us wish you the very best in your new endeavors. Please tho, don't forget about us; a line or two now and then will be appreciated.

The exhibits were terrific and those of you who were not here missed a lot.

Harry Boosel showed a series of Railway notes and scrip with a new twist, 1873.

Leah Klein exhibited mementos of the ANA conventions in Boston.

Gerda Birkholz displayed a series of medals relating to the Monroe Doctrine. One thing we can always count on from Gerda is a new facet on something interesting.

Glenn Smedley showed some itemsof the American Bank Note Company and told some interesting stories about them and the company.

Dave Schecter showed some satirical tokens of Napoleon III, of France.

Bill Pettit exhibited some ANA memorabilia, with some interesting stories about security at the convention.

Harry Flowers' program "Gold Thru the Ages", was to put it in one word, MAGNIFICENT. The versatility of things numismatic that Harry collects is something to be amazed at, and the amount of research that he puts into every one of them is almost beyond belief.

His talk, illustrated with dozens of items on display, covered the range of the uses of gold as a metal, fron the decorative thru the numismatic, from the medical thru the industrial, you name it, he showed and explained it. You locals who were not here missed a good thing.

The New editor, me, fells that the CHATTER should not be a strictly one man job; that all of you, both here in Chicago and in the outside world should have the opportunity to unload your gripes, likes and dislikes and particularly, to let us know some of the things that turn you on in the world of numismatics.

I feel that the CHATTER is the property of all of you and that you have some responsibility to share in it beyond the pleasure I you may get in reading it. From now on, the second page belongs to all of you. We want to hear from you no matter where you are. Tell us stay at homes what life is like in the Other World.

You do not have to restrict yourself strictly to numismatic subjects; we are honestly interested in how you live and what you do. For those of you who are retired, how do you keep busy. Many of us are faced with similar problems and your comments could help us a good deal.

In this issue, I have started the ball rolling with one of the little things that turned me on. I hope you enjoy it. In any event, let me know, one way or the other. Write me at P.O. Box 724, Hillside, Illinois, 60162. Thanks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH TO
Richard Ting Mei and Ken Bressett, on the 5th; Harry Schwimmer the 10th; Robert Eckhardt and Frank Zaylic, the 12th; Harry Flower the 16th; Phyllis Eisenberg and Chester Michaels, the 19th; Jim Grebinger the 21st; Marty Greene, the 22nd and Marge Baker on the 26th.

My apologies to Gerda Birkholz and Louis Berky for overlooking their birthdays in September.

OAK PARK COIN CLUB Annual Coin Show, Nov. 4th, Longfellow Recreation Center, Ridgeland near Adams St., Oak Park, Illinois.
AURORA COIN CLUB Annual Show, Masonic Temple, Lincoln and Benton Streets in Aurora, November 11th.

These are always good shows. Don't miss them if you can help it.

EMERGENCY MONEY - U.S. STYLE

Many of us know about the different kinds of emergency money that was used all over the world at one time or another but did you know that right here in the United States emergency money was issued as late as 1943? It's a fact and this is how it happened.

In 1942, in common with much of the rest of the country, the city of Boise, Idaho was experiencing a shortage of small change. There just were no pennies and these lowly pieces were absolutely necessary to the day to day commerce of the community. What was more, there didn't seem to be any promise of fairly immediate relief from the Treasury.

The answer to "Send us more pennies" was, "there's a war on". This didn't help matters much, so the Chamber of Commerce of Boise got together and issued square cardboard tokens, value 1¢, and redeemable before June 1, 1943. They had cleared this with the local U.S. District attorney and had been told that it would be OK, in view of the circumstances. BUT the Secretary of the Treasury didn't like the idea and the Chamber of Commerce was told to Cease and Desist, which they did, but not before thousands of these little patriotic pennies were put into circulation. They were printed in blue on both sides with the 1¢ denomination and a large V for Victory and the legend "redeemable before June 1, 1943"

There is no obverse and reverse since both sides are the same. They are cute little things and make an interesting sidelight to a U.S. money collection.

(From the Numismatist, several issues of 1943)

JUST A REMINDER

PNG annual Coin Show is at the Sheraton-Oakbrook Hotel, 22nd street and Route 83, in Oak Brook, Illinois. October 19-21.

ILLNA (Illinois Numismatic Association) Annual Coin Show at the Sheraton Joliet Motor Inn in downtown Joliet, Oct. 26-28.

THE OCTOBER PROGRAM will be given by Leonard Stark, on old friend of many of us. Len has been traveling about the country for lo these many months checking up on the programs of the different firms regarding medals for the Sesquicentennial. For a preview on this interesting field, be here on October 10th.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB Chatter

MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.

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OCTOBER MEETING NOTES

Altho somewhat disappointing from the standpoint of numbers present, both the caliber of exhibits and program made up for it.

Charlie Ryant, Chairman of the banquet committee, reported on the progress of the committee and asked for a show of hands on several questions that had come up and on which he wanted some sort of decision on the part of the members present. This was given him. Now, we have no doubt that a final decision both as to place and date of the banquet will be available at the November meeting.

There was quite an active discussion kicked off by Lee Hewitt on the extreme proliferation of medals and silver bars on the numismatic scene. He likened this to the early 1960's when large numbers of new medals were appearing weekly. He stressed the large volume of ads selling these appearing in the weekly coin papers, stressing their investment value in terms of silver content. He pointed out that with the present price of silver at about $2.80 per ounce it would be some time before they reached the $5.00 per ounce level at which many of them are being sold. The wisdom of this type of investment, from a financial point of view, is seriously questioned.

Our friend Jim Doak is at the Illinois Masonic Hospital, 834 W. Wellington St., Chicago, Ill. A line or two from his friends would be appreciated, I am sure.

We understand that Louis Nagy has gone up to Mayo Clinic for a checkup, but assume that he will be home, well and able by the time you get this. I am sure though, that he would appreciate a line or two from his friends at PO Box 66370, Chicago, Il. 60666.

EXHIBITS

Gerda Birkholz's exhibit concerned itself with the history of medicine as shown thru the medium of medals. One was of William Welch (1849-1934) the other of Ivan Pavlov (1850-1936). In case you have forgotten, Pavlov was the man who trained dogs to respond to the conditioned reflex of sound by feeding them after a bell was sounded.

Dave Shecter exhibited a Papal piece showing a boat motif, in support of the diversification in numismatics by collecting for subject material, a theme that has shown increasing popularity of late.

Harry X Boosel showed two Good Fellowship plaques he has received from the ANA for his work as convention chairman in 1937 and 1966. Harry is the only person who know of who has ever received two of these.

PROGRAM

Leonard Stark brought us all up to date on the Bicentennial Medallic Program. It seems as though all of the fifty states are going to issue anywhere from 1 to 4 medals (1 each in 1973, 5 and 1976) in both silver and bronze. These are being issued by a number of 'mints'. By Act of Congress each of the states is setting up its own commission to handle details of issue and distribution of their own commemorative medals. Many of them are initiating contests in their own high schools for the best designs from which the winning design will be selected. (Word comes that Congress has approved the issuance of three special Bicentennial coins. The 25 cent, 50 cent and 1 dollar values which will be issued in 1976.

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

Stewart Koppel and Peter Spadoni on the 4th; August Nausske on the 6th; Dick Peterson and Tommy Ryan on the 7th; Hugh Knight on the 16th, and Dr. B. R. Jones on the 27th.

Gentlemen, in your honor I shall eat a good sized piece of birthday cake at least once during the month. I am sorry that my diet will not permit me to celebrate each of your birthdays separately, but my best wishes go out to all of you. Many, many happy returns.

We have just been informed that we missed out on a few more October birthdays, so we take this opportunity of extending belated greetings to Marcella Sheldon the 14th; Margo Russel on the 17th; L. Vernon Sheldon the 20th; and L. S. Werner the 22nd. Even tho belated, a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of you.

I have checked with Marge Baker and we apparently do not have records of all the members birthdays, so we ask that each of you drop us a line giving month and day (no year) so we can properly acknowledge these little niceities as they happen.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

This is a lulu. Our president has declared the November meeting, LADIES NIGHT. The subject for all exhibits will be "Women on Coins" and only exhibits centering around that will be accepted. Bring along your numismatic pieces showing women on them and come prepared to talk about them. Our president has a program all prepared on this subject, but wants the participation of each and every member. REMEMBER - Its LADIES ON COINS NIGHT.

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It seems that the problems of writing a bulletin such as this do not end with the writing alone. Every so often a snafu occurs, such as happened last month on page ? in the 2nd paragraph which originally read, "I feel that the CHATTER is the property of all of you, and that you have some responsibility to share in it beyond the pleasure(?) you may get in reading it" It seems that in the retyping the (?) was left out, a slight change which changes the entire sense of the sentence. The Editor was called on this, but believe me, he is not so great an egotist as to believe that anything he writes will be found pleasurable. I hope you all will understand that it was in the nature of a 'funny' and accept it as such.

THE COLLECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Like it or not, the earthly life of every person eventually ends and even tho we flatter ourselves with the title of 'owners' of our collector's items, the best we can ever hope to be is temporary 'curators' of them. If we collect coins or other pieces with even the vaguest claim to antiquity, we are directly dependent upon some past generation for the quality, quantity and type of material which is available to us.

Recently, numismatics has taken on what I consider to be a regrettably mercantile character. In the flurry of panic buying and profit taking it is very easy for the investor or speculator to forget that he is dealing with historical objects. Once numismatic items come to be regarded as purely investment commodities, once their historical interest and significance is eclipsed by their profit potential, their buying and selling becomes very much like the exciting but not very inspiring, activities of the New York Stock Exchange.

There are few traces which a culture can bequeath to the future, more enduring than coins. The coins of early days which we now have are an intimate link between the men of the past and those of today. The coins we produce today are one of the gifts of our culture to future generations. These are worthwhile points to ponder upon before attempting to clean a coin or to attempt to improve its appearance for a short time monetary gain.

Posterity may forgive us if we fail to make great achievements, but posterity cannot replace the invaluable historical record of coins of the past which our careless handling and mercenary melting, damages today. I do not 'own' my coins. I have merely paid for the privilege of caring for and protecting them for a time.

Frank Novak

Something to think about, isn't it?

The commemorative coins, gold, currency and Martin Luther medals from the estate of our late member Arthur Rutz, will be sold at the Jess Peters Auction at the F.U.N. Convention in Miami Beach January 3-7, 1974. Any of you who wish it, may secure a catalog by writing to Jess Peters, Inc., P. O. Box 123, Decatur, Il. 62525.

To
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you in
everyway
a cheerful
holiday full
of a happiness
lasting thru '74
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The next meeting of
the CHICAGO COIN CLUB
is Wednesday, December 12
in the Belmont Room of the
Congress Hotel, in Chicago.
The program will be COINS OF A
*****RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE*****
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The pine tree coinage of colonial Massachusetts was originally coined in England for the colonies. But, later, Massachusetts minted the denominations of shilling, 6 pence, 3 pence. All were dated 1652 but were struck for 30 years until 1682. A later coin, struck in 1776 the pattern penny of Massachusetts, had a pine tree.
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The fifty dollar gold Panama-Pacific (round or octagon) has an owl perched on the branch of a western pine with pine cones
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The Maine Commemorative half dollar has a pine tree in the Maine Coat of Arms. The reef on the reverse is the pine with pine cones
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The latest is the pine tree sapling sprouting out of a rock shown on the reverse of the Liberty Walking half dollar series minted 1916 through 1947
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Sincerely,

Bill Pettit

Marjorie Baker

Charles J. Brandt Jr.

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

EXHIBITS-

Art Allen showed females, both animal and human, on paper currency.

Gerda Birkholz really covered the gamut of Women on Coins, showing some eight different pieces of women monarchs on coins. Quite an education.

Harry Boosel showed a slightly different slant on women, a bawdy house token.

Jim Doak exhibited a number of counterfeit coins.

Leah Klein married two of her coin interests in her exhibit; women on coins and ships, by showing the new Cook Islands $2.00 piece which has Elizabeth II on the obverse while the reverse pictures the British fleet in the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588. She also showed the American Woman on the Libertv Half Dollar.

Allen Feinberg showed a beautiful set of medals issued for the first Crystal Palace exhibition in 1851.

Dave Schecter showed a satirical piece with Queen Victoria on the obverse and 'back to Hanover' on the reverse. Apparently she was not popular with the entire populace in England.

PROGRAM

Bill Pettit, with the assistance of Al Feinberg as projectionist, showed a series of Women on Coins from times ancient to the present. Your editor saw some women on coins who he never knew existed. Ah well, such is the art of learning.

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The December meeting on the 12th, will feature our annual Christmas Grab Bag and party. All are reminded that the grab bag consists of gifts with a maximum value of $2.00, which should be marked either men or women. The ladies also usually bring some little edible goodies. (Just a reminder, gals).

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With this bulletin, you will find your statement for dues for 1974 enclosed. You will notice that the non-resident and junior memberships have been increased to $2.50 and your editor feels that an explanatory note is advisable. With the new postage rates on first class mail going into effect in January, plus all the additional costs to which the club has been subjected, this increase, nominal tho it is, is absolutely necessary. Our treasury, in the state that it is, cannot subsidize these memberships to any greater extent. We hope that all of you will show faith in the Chicago Coin Club by continuing your membership for the new year. We ask that you send your check in for your dues to the secretary at her address as shown on the enclosed club statement as early as possible, the club treasury being what it is at the present time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation

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AT LAST - HERE IT IS-----

The annual Chicago Coin Club banquet will be held on Wednesday, January 9th, 1974 at the GOLDEN AGE RESTAURANT, at 4545 West 95th Street, in Chicago. The cost will be $6.00 per head which will pay for a good steak dinner. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at about 8:00 p.m. Any members who will experience any transportation difficulties in getting there should make their requirements known at the December meeting and arrangements will be made for them to be picked up and returned to their homes. We want every single one of our members to be at the banquet. Nuff said.

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Your editor has just been informed of the tragic death of our long time member, William A. Schneider, who with his wife, Dorothy were killed in an automobile accident near New Buffalo, Michigan on October 14th. Bill was an avid numismatist and contributed much to the meeting of the Chicago Coin Club when he was an active member. He was an ANA member for 44 years and was appointed to the 1958 Assay commission by President Eisenhower.

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This bulletin is too full of news of an unpleasant nature, something that we should wish to avoid in this holiday season. We have to close with one more item that we really hate to report.

After so many years of service this club in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer in so capable and devoted a manner, Margie Baker has submitted her resignation, to be effective January, 1st, 1974.

The pressure of her work at Ryan's Coin Shop makes it impossible for Margie to continue in this office and to discharge her duties faithfully and well. Rather than do a sloppy job, she has elected to resign.

We commend her for her honesty and thank her for so much of her in the past. We shall miss you.